



# **BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL TRADE PRIORITIES & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (TPA)**

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*Strengthening the Role of Congress to  
Create U.S. Jobs & Economic Opportunity*

# WHAT TPA MEANS

	Without TPA	With TPA
President Can Negotiate Trade Agreements	✓	✓
President Can Keep Congress and Public in the Dark	✓	✗
Congress Directs Negotiating Objectives	✗	✓
Members of Congress Entitled to Read Negotiating Text	✗	✓
Administration Required to Publish Updated Summaries throughout Negotiations	✗	✓
Administration Must Make Text of Trade Agreement Public for 60 Days before Consenting	✗	✓
Good Agreement Can Be Protected from efforts to Kill It	✓	✓
Congress Has Final Say on an Agreement	✓	✓

# TRADE BY THE NUMBERS

U.S. trade supports **38 million**  
**AMERICAN JOBS**

U.S. trade supports **1 in 5**  
**AMERICAN JOBS**

**96%** of the world's  
consumers live outside the U.S.

Jobs tied to trade pay

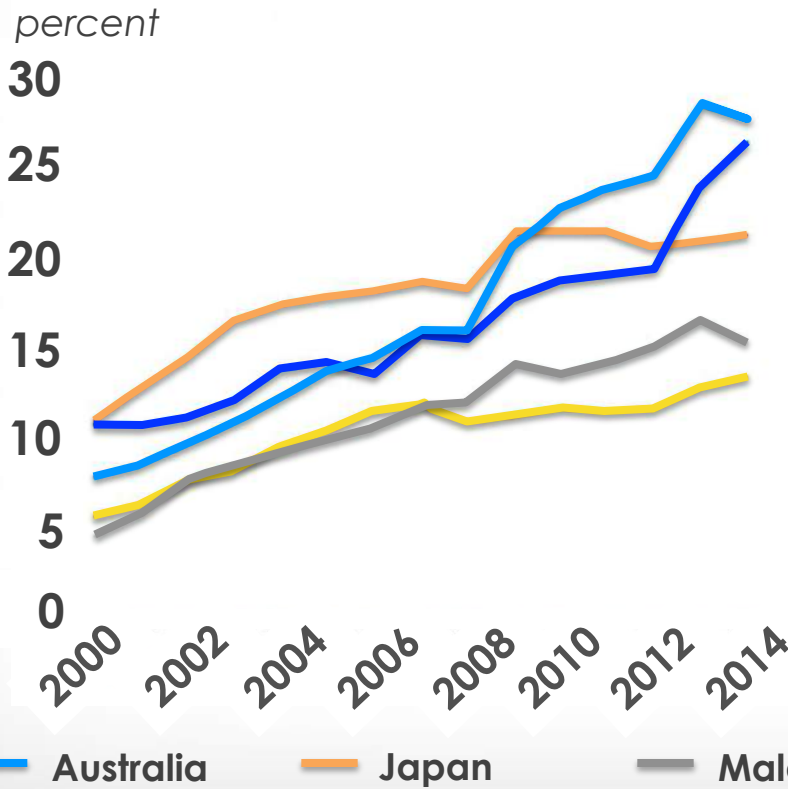
**18%** MORE

Trade agreements **SAVE** the average family more than

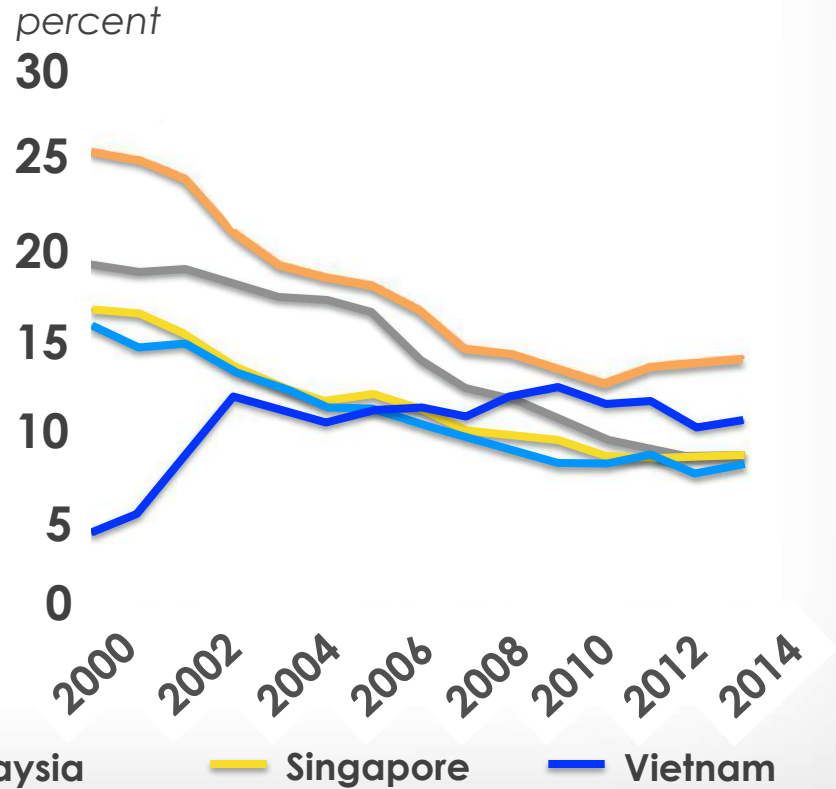
**\$13K** A YEAR

# IT'S A RACE

China Share of Trade



U.S. Share of Trade



Source: CIA

# U.S. CREDIBILITY AT STAKE

*“There are tremendous strategic benefits to TPP and TTIP, and there would be harmful strategic consequences if we fail to secure these agreements... America’s prestige, influence, and leadership are on the line.”*

*Harold Brown, Former Secretary of Defense*

*Robert M. Gates, Former Secretary of Defense*

*Leon E. Panetta, Former Secretary of Defense*

*Donald H. Rumsfeld, Former Secretary of Defense*

*General James E. Cartwright, USMC (Ret.)*

*General James Mattis, USMC (Ret.)*

*General Colin Powell, USA (Ret.)*

*General Hugh Shelton, USA (Ret.)*

*Admiral Robert F. Willard, USN (Ret.)*

*William S. Cohen, Former Secretary of Defense*

*Chuck Hagel, Former Secretary of Defense*

*William J. Perry, Former Secretary of Defense*

*Admiral Dennis C. Blair, USN (Ret.)*

*Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN (Ret.)*

*General David H. Petraeus, USA (Ret.)*

*Admiral Gary Roughead, USN (Ret.)*

*Admiral James Stavridis, USN (Ret.)*

# TPA EMPOWERS CONGRESS

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- Congress sets extensive negotiating objectives for the Administration
- Requires the Administration to consult with Congress
- Allows Congress to read the negotiating texts
- Requires the Administration to promptly brief any Member on the status and content of negotiations
- Agreement public at least 60 days prior to signing
- Allows any Member to personally attend negotiating rounds
- If President does not follow instructions, either House or Senate can remove TPA
- Reaffirms that Congress has the final say, and only Congress can change U.S. law

# TPA MEANS TRANSPARENCY

**READ THE DEAL**  
**PASS TPA**

